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Julius Genachowski  
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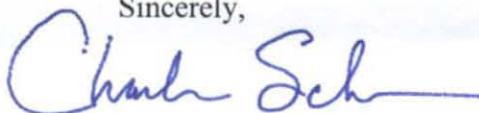
Dear FCC Chairman Genachowski,

Several months ago, I wrote to you to express concern about the pending acquisition of Rochester-based PAETEC Holding Corp. by Arkansas-based Windstream Corporation. In particular, I was concerned about the jobs consequences for Rochester as a result of the merger as well as the continuation of a construction project started by PAETEC to build a new downtown office which is integral to local, state, and federal efforts to revitalize downtown Rochester.

I am happy to report that, since I sent you that letter, the parties have come together and announced an agreement that will maintain a significant number of PAETEC's employees in Monroe County and proceed with the construction of a new downtown office for the combined company. This landmark agreement means that Windstream will be part of Rochester's future, and Rochester will be part of Windstream's – a positive outcome for all involved.

In light of this agreement, I urge you to take swift action on your pending review of the merger. As such, I would appreciate an update from the FCC on its anticipated timeline to approve and conclude this matter. A quick decision will provide much needed certainty to the many groups who have worked hard to make this agreement a reality.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Schumer  
United States Senator

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JULIUS GENACHOWSKI  
CHAIRMAN

The Honorable Charles E. Schumer  
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Dear Senator Schumer:

Thank you for your follow-up letter regarding the proposed transfer of control of subsidiaries of PAETEC Holding Corporation to Windstream Corporation. I appreciated learning your views on the agreement that Windstream reached with the City of Rochester to address the City's concerns.

I am pleased to report that on November 22, 2011, the Commission's Wireline Competition Bureau and International Bureau jointly approved the applications for transfer of control under delegated authority. I am enclosing a copy of the Public Notice approving the transaction for your information.

Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "J. Genachowski", is written over the word "Sincerely,".

Julius Genachowski

Enclosure